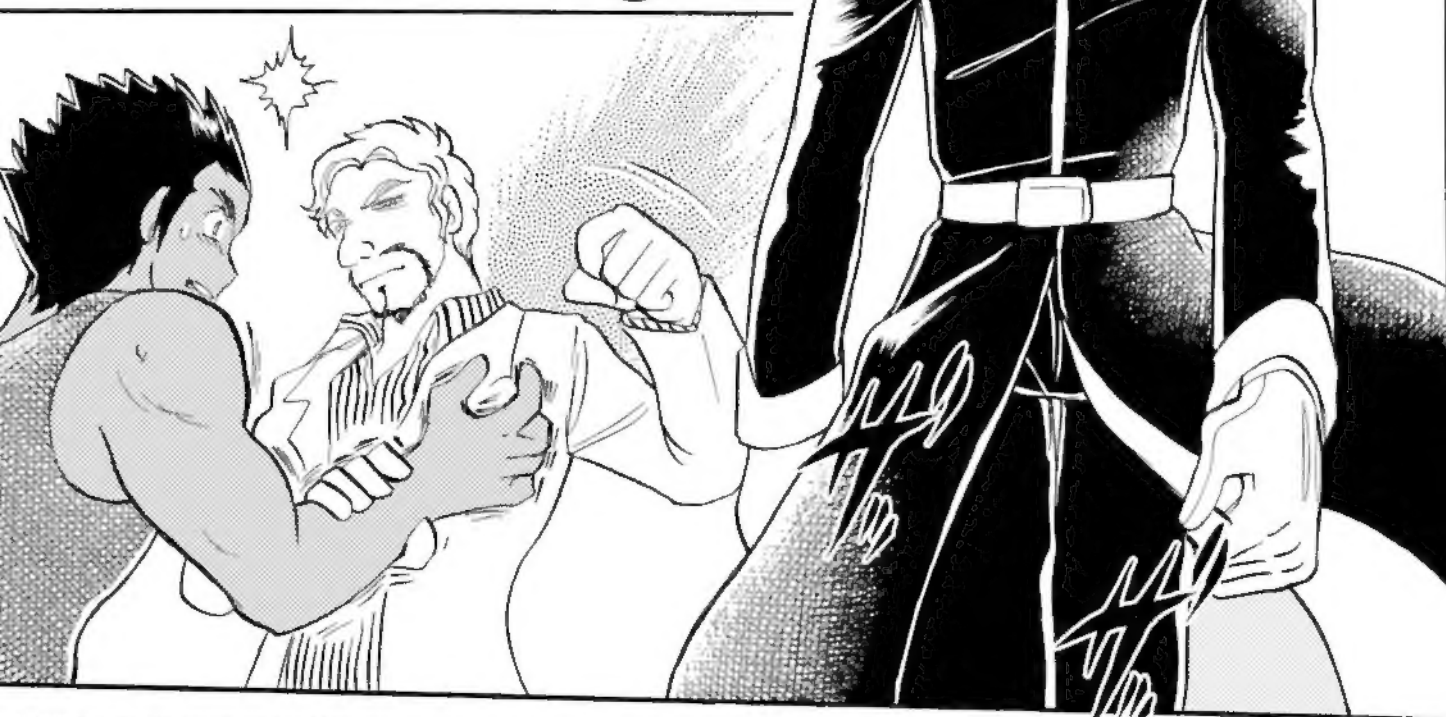
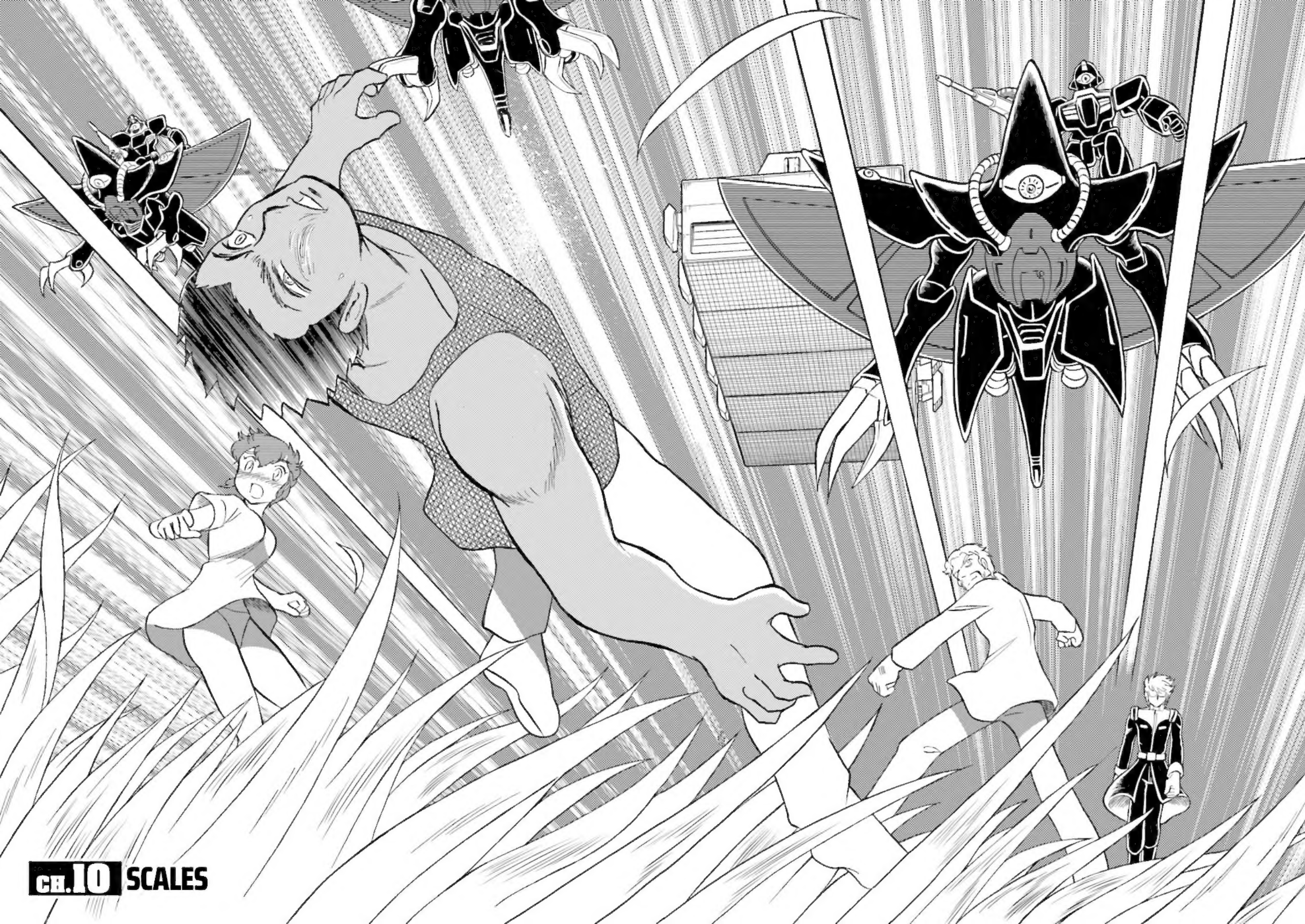








TAGANAS?

ASH?



ARE YOU
REALLY
PHONTO?

AND...
IT JUST
CAN'T
BE...

PHONTO?



AND...
YOU SEEM
TRULY
HAPPY.
I'M GLAD
FOR YOU...



WHAT
KIND OF
NONSENSE
IS THAT
TO SAY?

YOU...
YOU
IDIOT!



WELL, YES,
AS YOU
CAN SEE IT
IS ME.

THOUGH
TRES, YOU
HAVEN'T
AGED A
DAY...



WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING HERE? EXPLAIN THIS, TAGANAS!

FORGET THAT, WHAT IS ALL THIS? ALL THIS CRAZY?



WE'RE RETURNING THESE BRATS TO THE FEDERATION!

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS ENOUGH?

I MEAN...



DID YOU MISTAKE THIS FOR SOME PARADISE?

YOU'RE...

WHAT?!

?



EACH OF MY
COLONIES
MAINTAINS
A **STRICT**
POPULATION
CAP OF 5,000!



SOUNDS
SMALL,
DOESN'T
IT...

?

ONLY
5,000?



WE DON'T HAVE
THE **LUXURY** OF
ENTERTAINING
YOUR **ABSDUR**
REQUEST!

SORRY TO
BURST YOUR
BUBBLE, BUT,
IT WAS ALL
SMOKE AND
MIRRORS...



WE
DELIBERATELY
CONTROL THE
POPULATION!

THAT'S HOW
WE SECURE
VAST
STRETCHES
OF
FARMLAND!

CARE TO
KNOW WHY?
BECAUSE
THAT'S
EXACTLY HOW
IT **NEEDS**
TO BE!



...AND HAWK
EVERYTHING TO
THOSE HUMAN
SARDINE CANS
THEY CALL
COLONIES!

WE PUSH YIELDS
TO THE LIMIT...



EVERYTHING'S
CALCULATED
DOWN TO
THE LAST
DETAIL...



THAT'S THE
SECRET TO
OUR
PROSPERITY
HERE!



UH...

AH!



TRES, I
KNOW YOU
KNOW
DAMN
WELL...

...HOW THIS
SYSTEM
WORKS.

MORE MOUTHS
MEANS MORE
CONSUMPTION!

SMALLER
MARGINS
MEAN WE
STARVE!



GIVE ME A
FUCKING
BREAK!



AND NOW YOU
WANT TO DUMP
2,000 KIDS
WHO'LL JUST
CONSUME
RESOURCES?



THIS ISN'T
SOME
CHARITY
OPERATION!



AS A
BUSINESSMAN, I
KNOW WHEN TO
PLAY ALONG.

HEH.
BESIDES...

WE'VE
CAUGHT THE
FEDERATION'S
ATTENTION
NOW.



...WE
ASSUMED IT
WOULDN'T
POSE TOO
GREAT A
BURDEN...

AND GIVEN
YOUR
ECONOMIC
CAPACITY...



...THIS WOULD
BE THE ONLY
VIABLE
LOCATION TO
ACCOMMODATE
2,000 PEOPLE
FROM THAT
SECTOR.

WE SIMPLY
DEDUCED...

HA... HA...
"CAUGHT
THEIR
ATTENTION"
SOUNDS
RATHER
HARSH...



WE CAME
HOPING FOR
CIVILIZED
NEGOTIATIONS.
NOTHING MORE.



...WHAT THESE KIDS ARE GOING TO BE USED FOR?!

MR. TAGANAS! C'MON, SURELY YOU HAVE TO KNOW...



WELL THEN.



PLEASE WAIT!

W-WAIT!



YOU KNOW THIS, YOU KNOW THIS, AND YOU'LL STILL SERVE THEM UP TO THE FEDERATION?

THEY'LL BE USED AS GUINEA PIGS FOR CYBER-NEWTPE EXPERIMENTS!



UGH...

IN TIMES LIKE THESE, ISN'T THAT THE BEST THEY CAN HOPE FOR?

...AND THREE SQUARES A DAY.

WORD IS THEY'LL GET PROPER FEDERATION EDUCATION...

OH?





OR HAVE YOU
BECOME
JUST
ANOTHER
COG FEEDING
THE WAR
MACHINE?

NONE OF
THIS IS
RIGHT!

ISN'T THIS
SUPPOSED TO
BE FARMLAND,
MR. TAGANAS?

YOU GROW
SUSTENANCE
FOR HUMAN
BEINGS!



CAN IT,
TRES...

T-
TA-
GANAS.



THE
WHOLE
THING IS...

THIS IS ALL
WRONG!



I HAVE A
SACRED DUTY
TO PROTECT
OUR WAY OF
LIFE HERE...

I'VE SPENT
THIRTY
YEARS
BUILDING
THESE
EIGHT
COLONIES...
...SINCE
TAKING
OVER
FROM MY
DEAR OLE
DAD.



NO, YOU'RE
DEAD
WRONG!



FROM
WHERE I STAND,
YOU'RE THE
DELUSIONAL
ONES...

...COLLECTING
STRAYS LIKE
THEY'RE
PETS YOU
CAN'T FEED.









KEKEKE

HAHA



JUST
UNTIL WE
LOCATE
MY KID.
FOR THE
TROUBLE,
I'LL...

COULDN'T
YOU HOLD
OFF MOVING
THE
CHILDREN
JUST A BIT?



WHAT?



OH, HOW
BEAUTIFULLY
THIS PLAYS
OUT.



NOT A
BAD AR-
RANGE-
MENT,
WOULDN'T
YOU SAY?
SO HOW
ABOUT IT?

THIS
ACCEL-
ERATES
THE
TIMELINE.

AS IT HAPPENS,
MY SUPERIORS
HAD ALREADY
SUGGESTED
RECOMMENDING
FEDERATION
EDUCATION...



WHY NOT LET
HER RECEIVE
OUR ELITE
EDUCATION
PROGRAM?



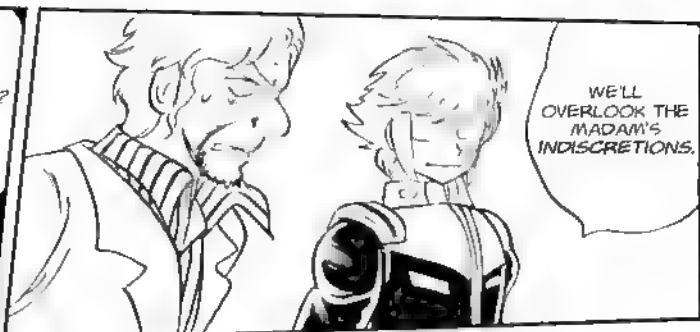
...WILL BE
JOINING US
AT OUR
KYKLOPS
BASE...

YOUR
DAUGH-
TER...

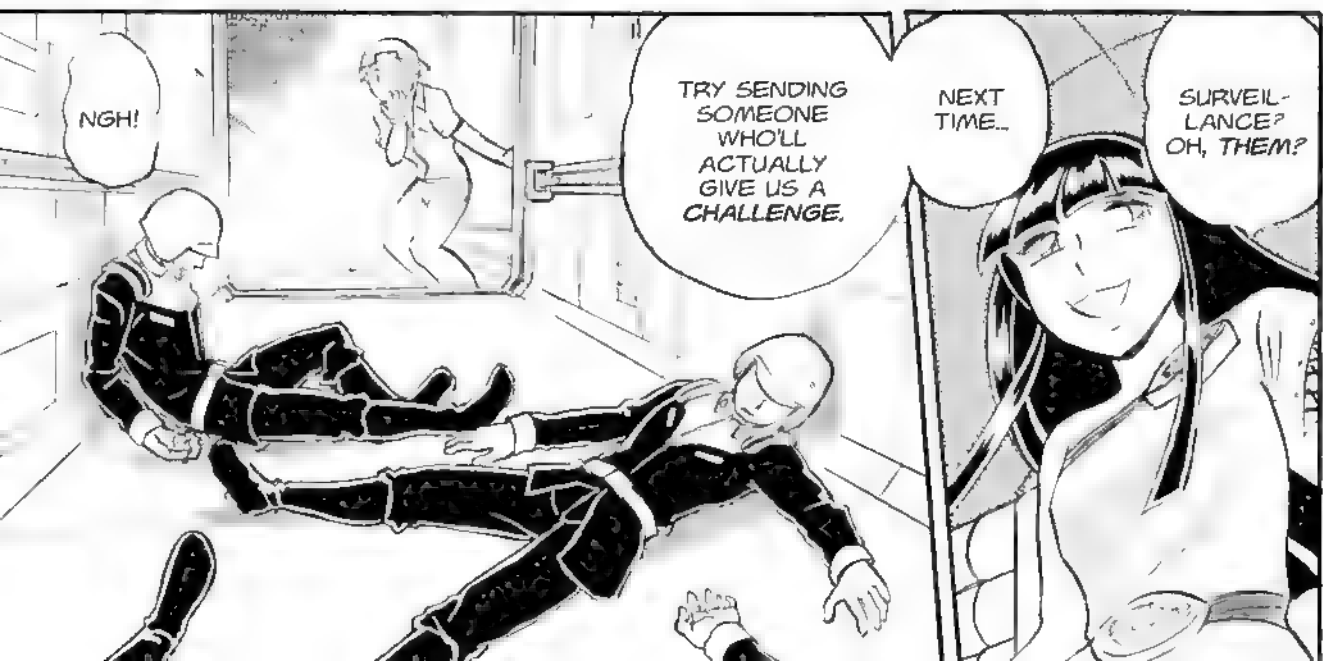
SHE'LL
WHAT?!





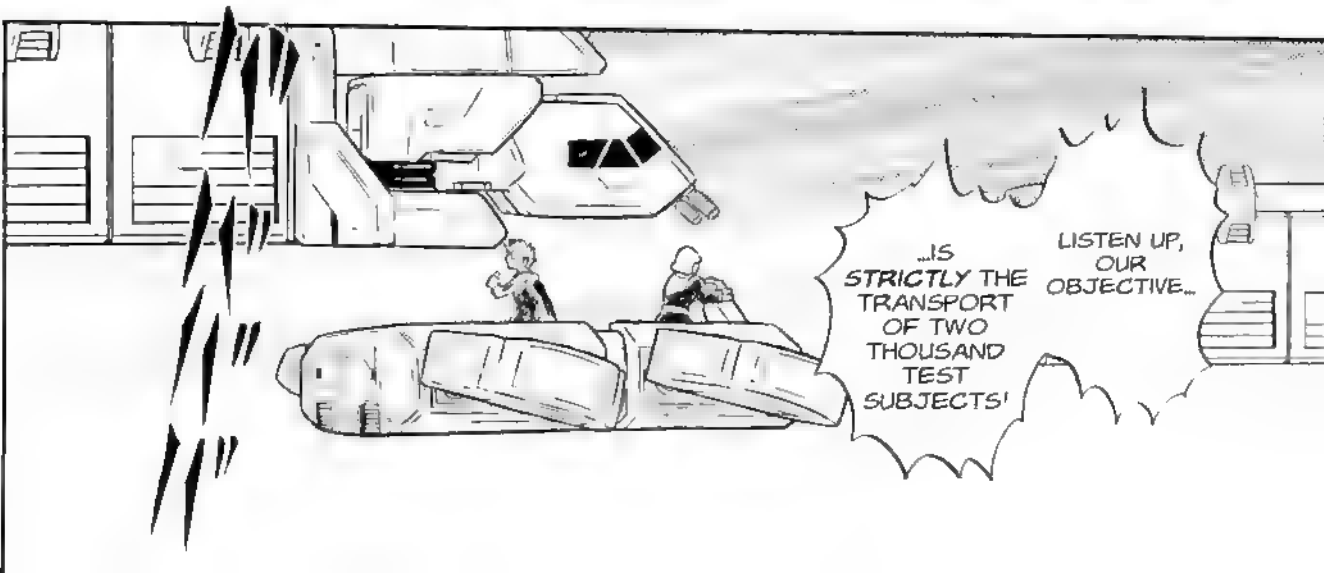


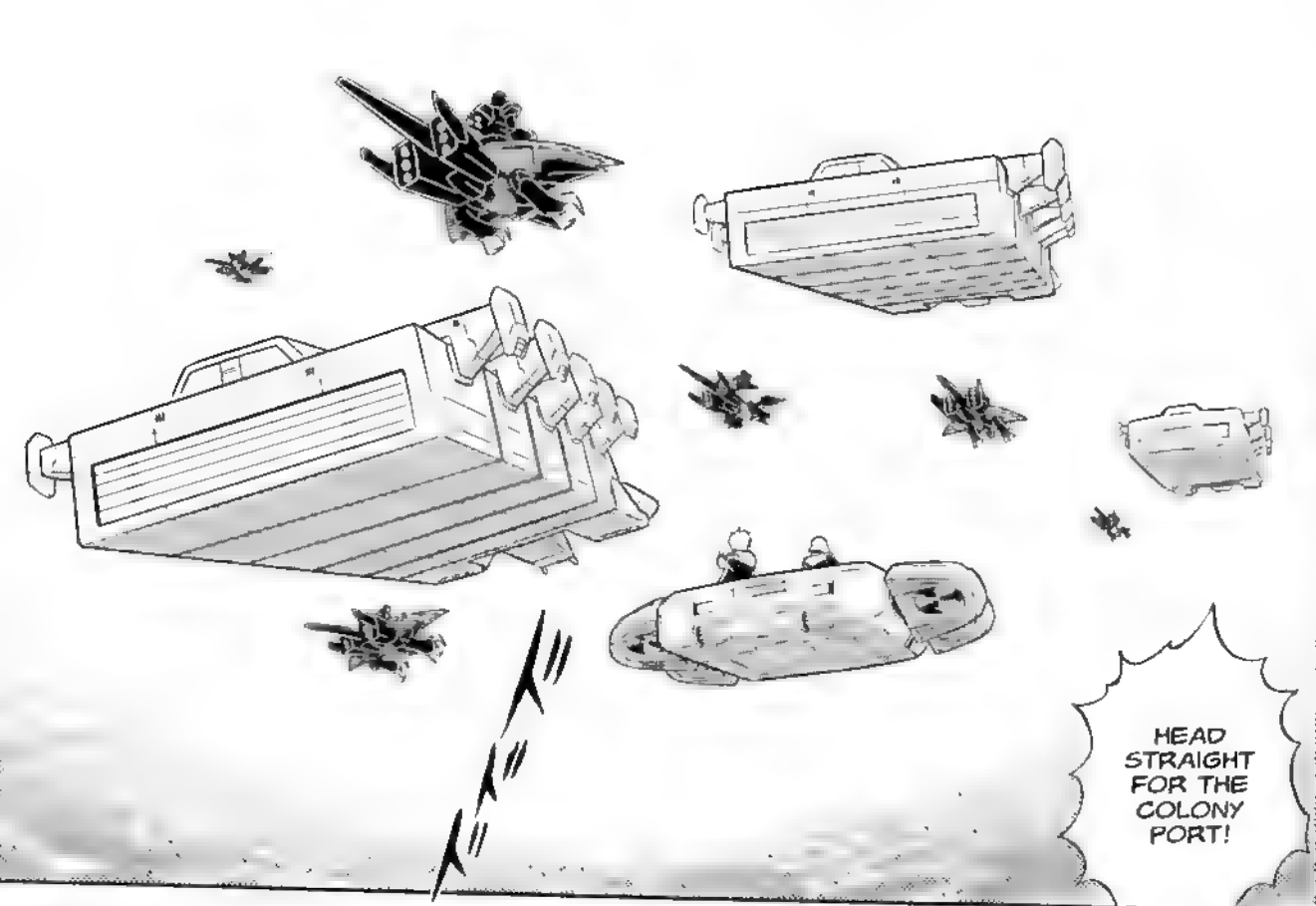












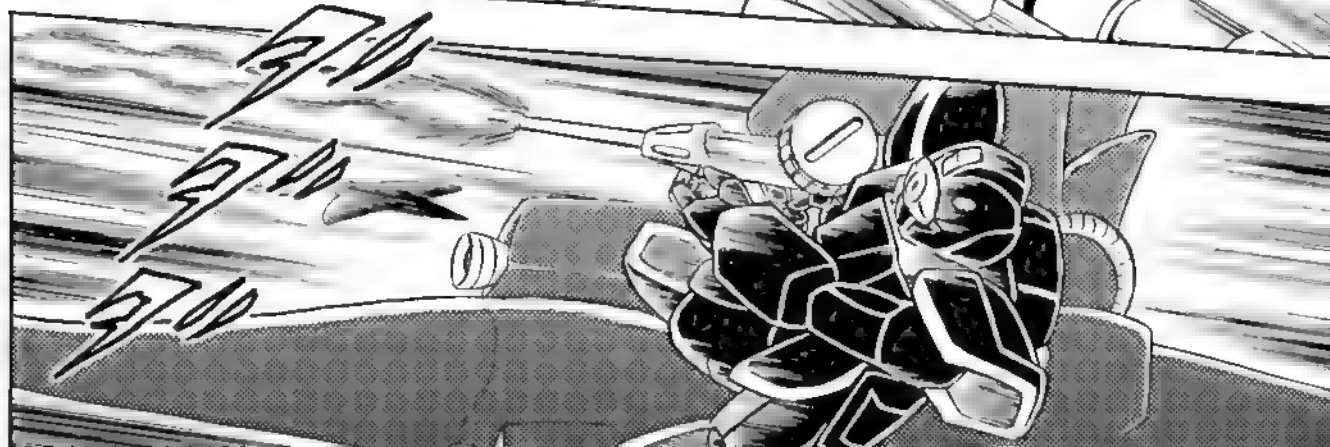


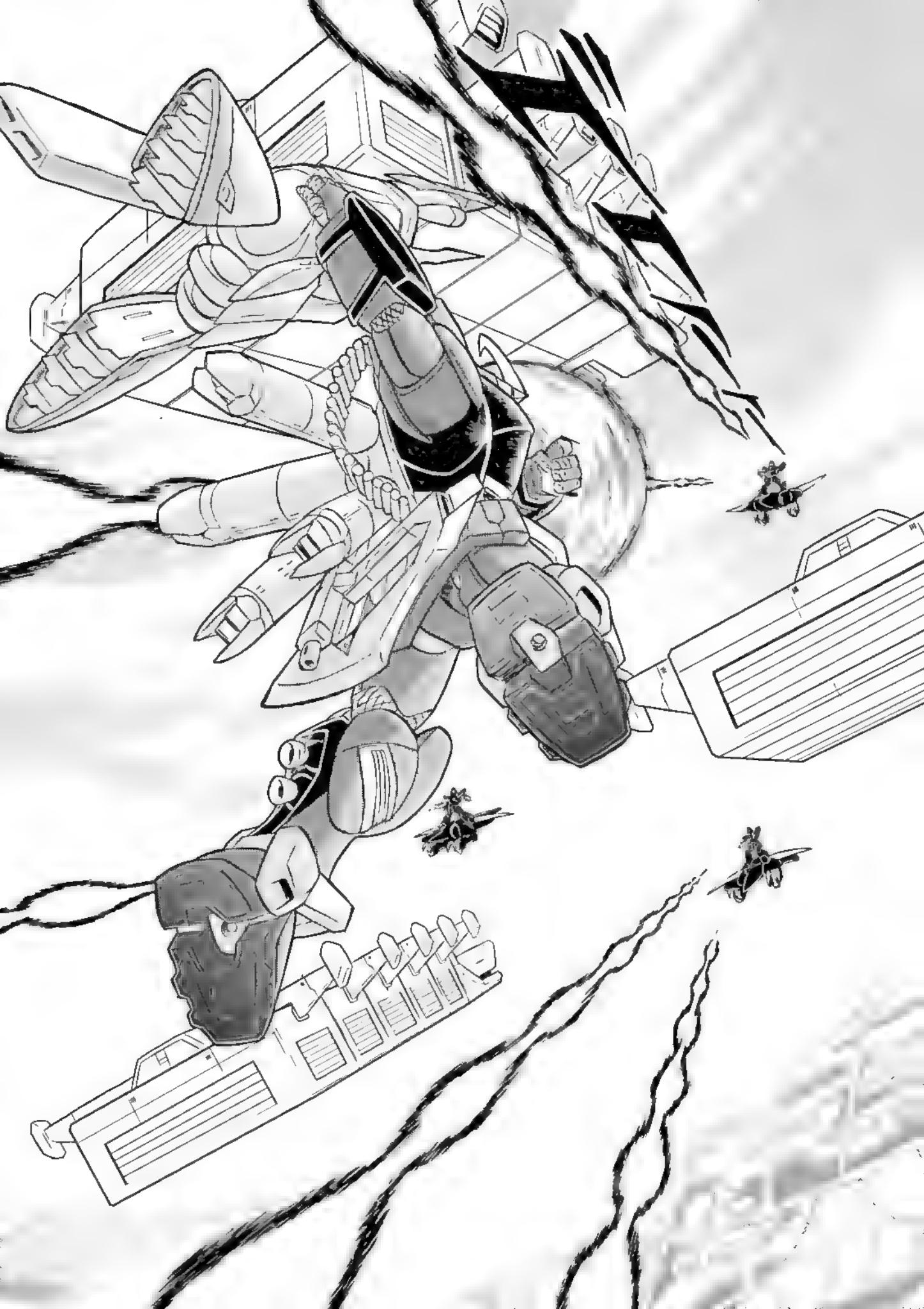
LEO,
THINGS
ARE
GONNA
GET
ROUGH!



RIGHT!

HANG
TIGHT

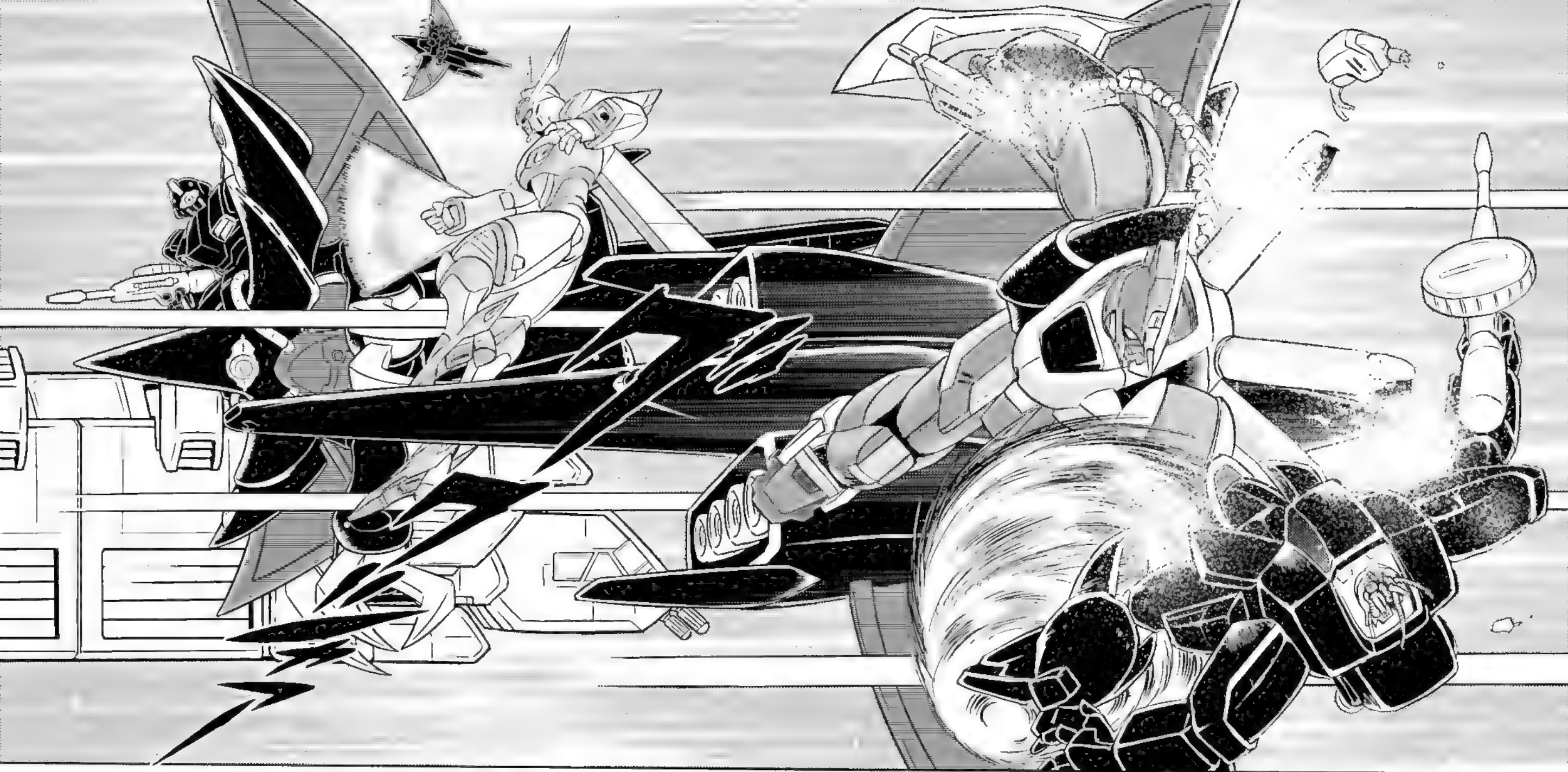


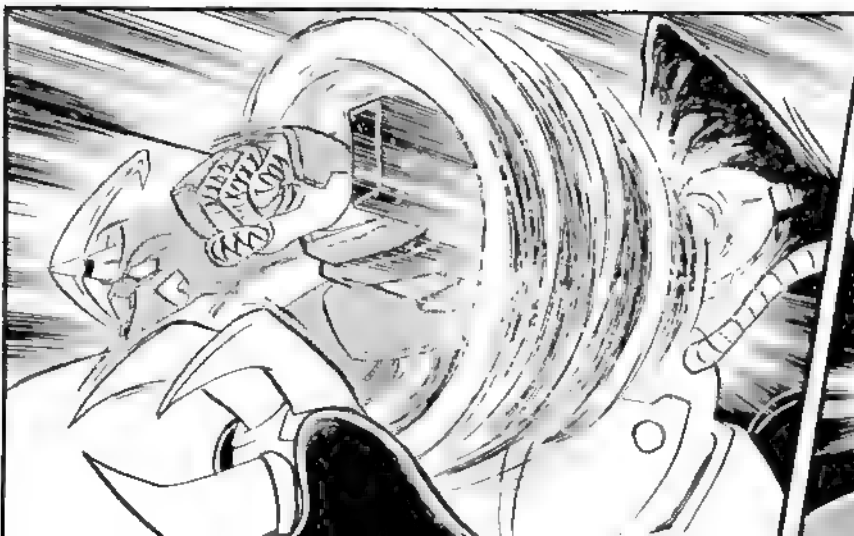






THEY'RE
RIGHT ON
TOP OF
US!







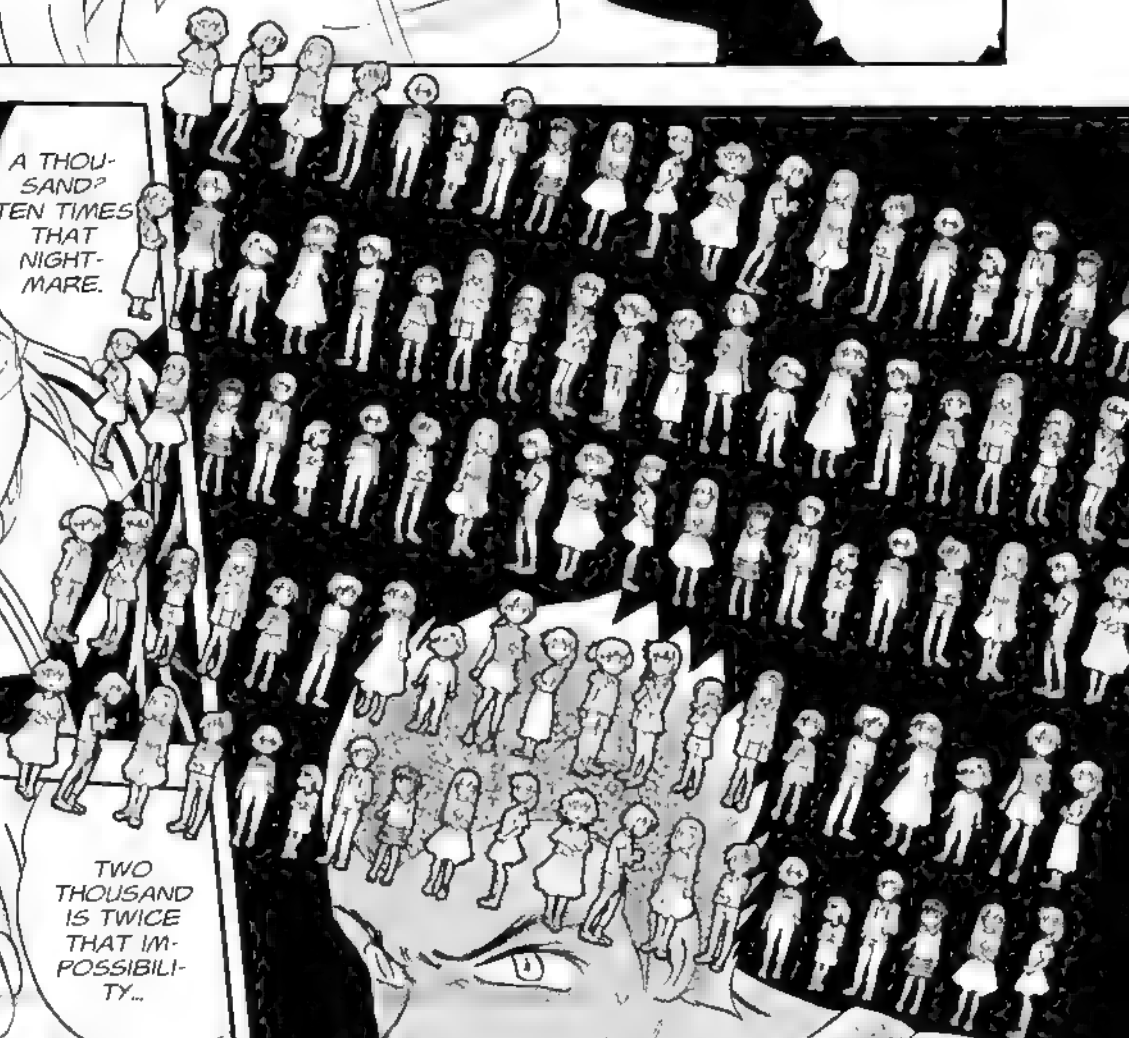
THE HUMAN
MIND CAN
PERHAPS HOLD
TEN FACES
CLEARLY



BUT A
HUNDRED?
THAT'S TEN
TIMES THE
BURDEN.

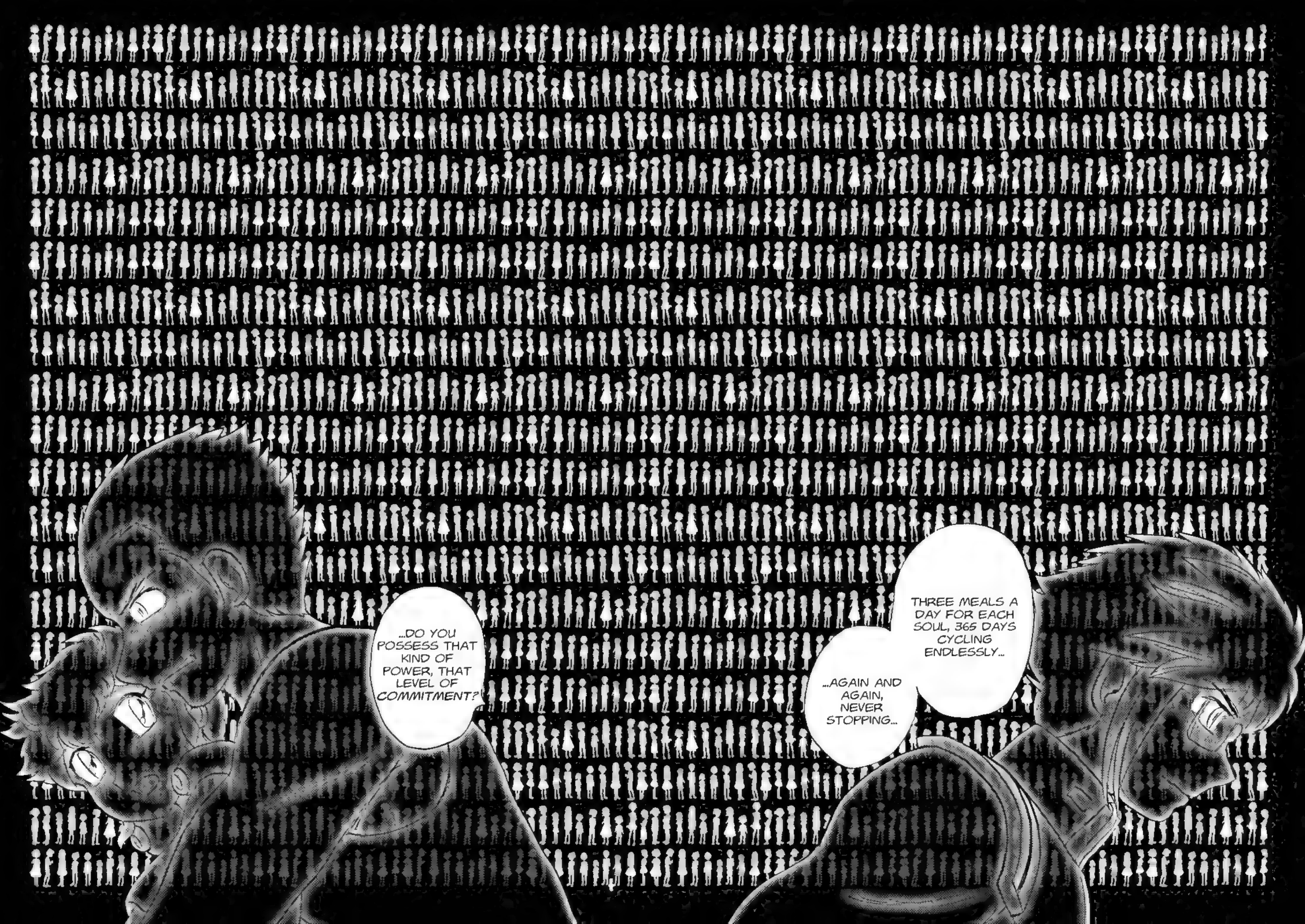


A THOU-
SAND?
TEN TIMES
THAT
NIGHT-
MARE.



TWO
THOUSAND
IS TWICE
THAT IM-
POSSIBILI-
TY...

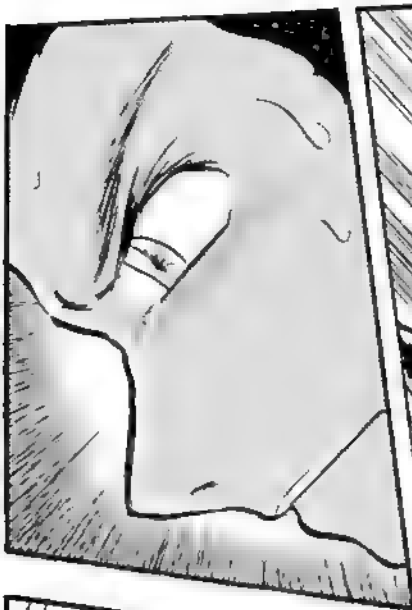
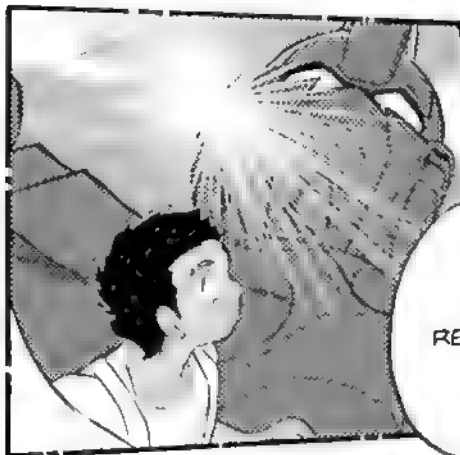


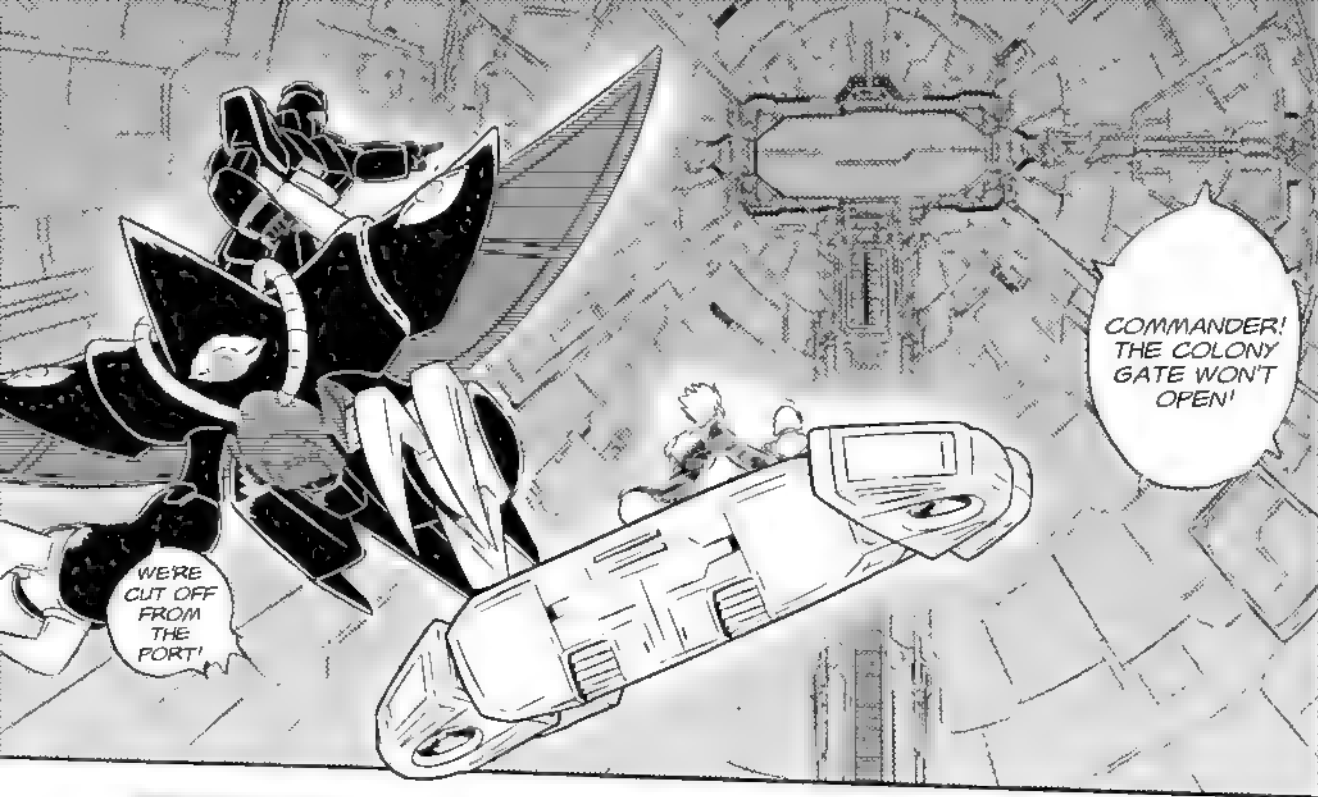


...DO YOU
POSSESS THAT
KIND OF
POWER, THAT
LEVEL OF
COMMITMENT?

...AGAIN AND
AGAIN,
NEVER
STOPPING...

THREE MEALS A
DAY FOR EACH
SOUL, 365 DAYS
CYCLING
ENDLESSLY...







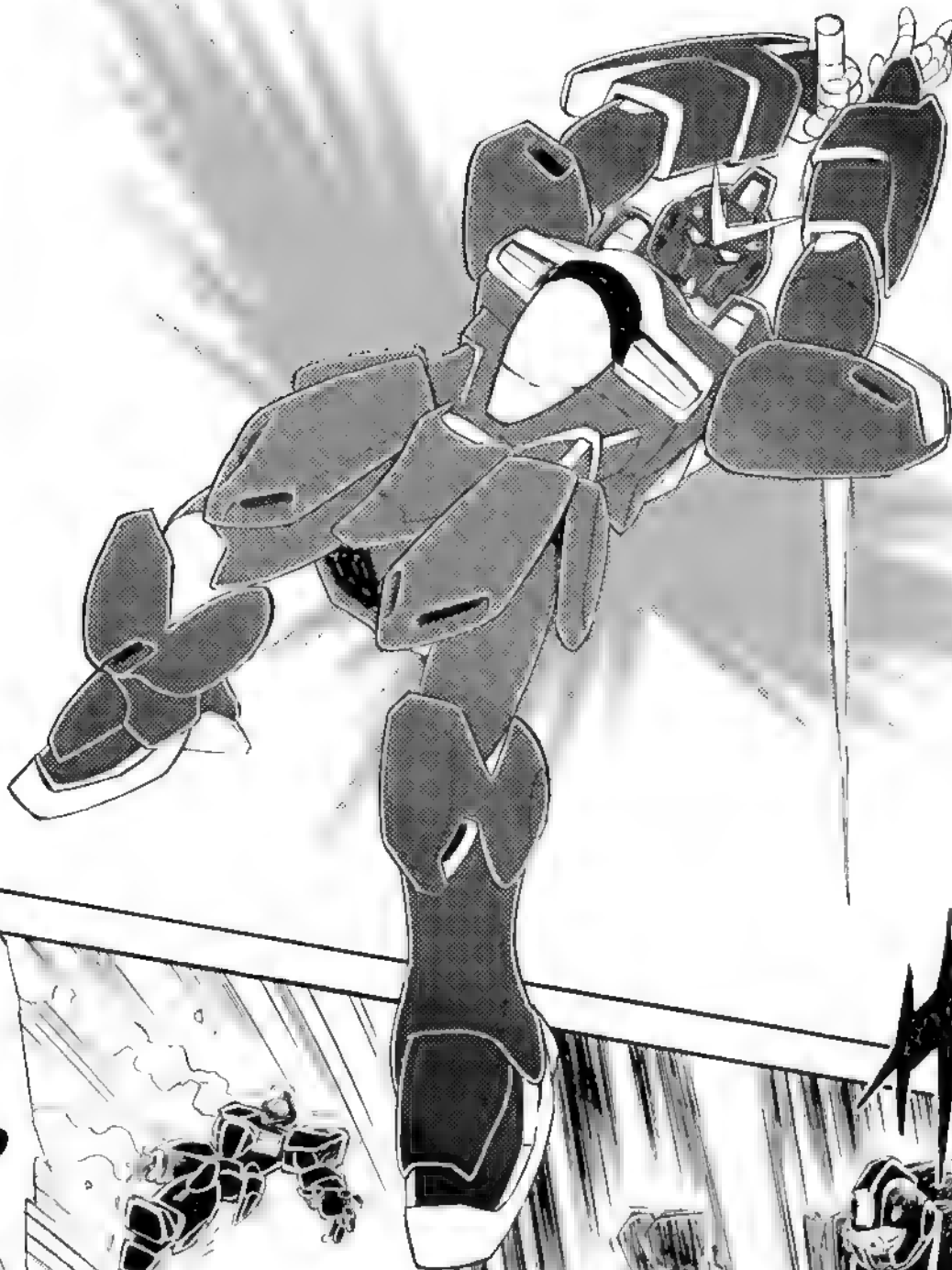
...LIKE
RATS IN A
CAGE!



BASTARDS!
YOU
THINK
YOU CAN
FIGHT
BACK?

NGH!





WUH?

SO LET'S
KEEP THIS
CLEAN!

I WON'T HAVE
EXPLOSIONS
RAINING
DOWN ON
OUR CROPS.





AND I'M
STILL
SHARP AS
EVER!

BRING
IT ON!
I'M
FORMER
REAR
SHRIKE
SQUAD
MEMBER...

...TRES
TAYAKA!



HAHA,
THAT
V-SHAPED
HEAD-
PIECE...

SO IT'S THE
LITTLE LADY,
HUH?

GOOD TO
SEE YOU IN
ACTION!



TWO
THOUSAND
BRATS CAN
WAIT.



I'M
TAKING MY
DAUGHTER
BACK!





